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To: All EMS Provider Administrators and Medical Directors

From: Bureau of Emergency Management

Date: May, 1999

Re: EMS/Trauma System Fund Eligibility for FY00 (September 1, 1999 - August 31, 2000)

There are four requirements for an EMS Provider to be eligible for FY00 funding from the EMS/Trauma Care System Fund (EMS rule §157.130, Section e). These requirements, which must be met by August 31, 1999, include:

- a. current licensure as an EMS Provider (verified by the Bureau of Emergency Management);
- b. active participation on the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for their Trauma Service Area (TSA) (verified by the RAC);
- c. at least one electronic submission of the essential data set to the state Trauma Registry or a RAC Regional Registry in FY99 (verified by the Bureau of Epidemiology); and
- d. demonstrated utilization of the RAC regional protocols regarding patient destination and transport in all TSAs in which they operate (verified by an EMS Provider's Administrator and Medical Director - see discussion below).

Utilization of RAC Regional Protocols re: patient destination and transport - Discussion

All RACs have had at least the Prehospital Triage and Bypass components of their EMS/Trauma System Plan approved by the Bureau of Emergency Management. By August 31, 1999, it is expected that all EMS Providers within a RAC will have received information regarding these components and have:

1. incorporated them into their written medical protocols and/or standard operating procedures, and
2. assured that they are being followed by field medical personnel.

To document that an EMS Provider has met this requirement, the provider's chief administrator and medical director should complete and sign the attached affidavit, then return it to the Bureau of Emergency Management (may be mailed to: 1100 W. 49th St., Austin Tx, 78756 or faxed to: 512/834-6611).

Note: If an EMS Provider operates in multiple TSAs, a separate affidavit should be completed for each different TSA.

Appropriate demonstration of utilization of the RAC triage and bypass protocols is subject to review. Any questions regarding this issue may be directed to the Bureau of Emergency Management at (512) 834-6700.

**Affidavit Acknowledging Utilization of RAC Regional Protocols
Regarding Patient Destination by August 31, 1999**

Provider: _____ License #: _____

County of Licensure: _____ Level of Service: _____

To be eligible for funding from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Trauma Care System Fund, an EMS provider must, as specified in EMS rule §157.130 (e)(1)(C)(iii), “demonstrate utilization of the regional advisory council (RAC) regional protocols regarding patient destination and transport in all TSAs in which they operate.”

As the Administrator and Medical Director for _____, we do acknowledge this provider’s utilization of the pre-hospital triage and bypass protocols as approved by the Bureau of Emergency Management of the Texas Department of Health and adopted by the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for Trauma Service Area (TSA) _____.

We understand that incorporation of the RAC pre-hospital triage and bypass protocols into our EMS Provider’s medical protocols and/or standard operating procedures and utilization of these protocols by field medical personnel are required actions to meet the terms of utilization.

Furthermore, we understand that this signed document may be subject to future evaluation for compliance with the requirements of §157.130.

Administrator (printed name)

Medical Director (printed name)

Administrator (signature)

Medical Director (signature)

Date

Date